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2 47. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising generating an expression library, comprising, prior to (i):

(M) inserting isolated nucleic acids resulting from (I) or (L) into an expression vector.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicant's right to prosecute the canceled subject matter in any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or other application. New claims 16-47 have been added. The foregoing claims are supported throughout the specification. For example, claims 16-35 are supported at pages 27-39 of the specification and in Figures 1-4. In addition, claims 17-19 are supported, for example, in original claims 2-4. Claim 20 is supported in original claim 4. Claim 21 is supported, for example, in original claims 5 and 8. Claims 22-26 are supported, for example, at page 33, line 23 to page 34, line 12. Claims 27-29 are supported, for example, at pages 43-57 (see the Examples section of the specification). Claims 30-32 are supported, for example, in original claims 12-15. Should the Examiner have any question regarding this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's representative in order to allow the Applicant to address the Examiner's questions.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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